

Smarter data up-to-date

Smarter Data Stronger Firm. A guide to science technology and other information services available to Australian industry. National Information Technology Council Inc (NITC), 1991. 77 pp. ISBN 0-646-02872-3.

This useful little book updates one with the same title produced in 1983. The revision has been commissioned by the National Industry Extension Service (NIES) of the Department of Industry Technology and Commerce (DITAC).

The book has six sections covering the role of information technology in business, dealing with computers, information from libraries and librarians, information brokers/consultants, services of professional associations, directories and information from government. This last section includes DITAC and NIES themselves, together with CSIRO, Austrade, Patents and so on. In many cases it points to another resource: for 'brokers' see the IMCA Directory (from ALIA), for 'databases' see the ADDA Directory, and so on. In all cases it gives a clear

CD-ROM network at Morley Senior High School

In an Australian first, Western Australian Morley Senior High School recently launched a successful CD-ROM network that will allow several users simultaneous access to the same CD-ROM disc. Perth-based company, Inter Optics, successfully networked 13 workstations to a Pioneer six-disc CD-ROM drive to run Comptons Multimedia Encyclopaedia and the Complete Maths Workshop.

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The Comptons Multimedia Encyclopaedia incorporates text with graphics and sound, and contains the equivalent of 200 000 typewritten pages.

Bruce Wedderburn □

indication of what the selected resource contains and what it can be used for.

Appendixes give addresses of selected special libraries, of universities and of members of ATICCA (Australian Tertiary Institutions Consulting Association — a big overlap between these last two appendixes).

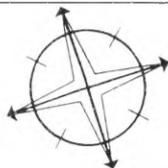
At \$12.50 plus \$5 p/p it is an absolute steal — and well worth while. From NITC at Fernhill Technology Park, Bruce, ACT 2617.

Peter Judge □

Who's Where

Judith Campbell, BA, DipLib, AALIA has been appointed to the position of Associate Librarian (Branch Libraries), University of Sydney.

Judith is presently Associate Librarian (Resources Management) at the University of New South Wales. She will take up her appointment on 3 February 1992.



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